

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination. Along with further examination, specific consideration of new claims 11 and 12 is requested.

It is believed that all claims define patentably over the art of record, and specifically that newly presented claims 11 and 12 are drawn to details of the specific structure which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record.

The subject matter of claims 1-10 is submitted to be patentable based upon earlier presented arguments. The newly added claims further define the structure of the reduced diameter portion in a manner which is clearly neither taught nor suggested by any art of record.

It is believed that no additional fee is due in connection with this amendment. If any fee is due, please charge same to deposit account number 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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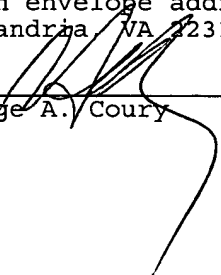
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